



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 13-22, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

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In a typical exposure apparatus for making micro devices such as semiconductor device, imaging picking device, liquid crystal display device, and thin film magnetic head, a beam emitted from a light source is incident on a micro fly's eye lens, and a secondary light source composed of a number of light sources is formed on the image-side focal plane thereof. Beams from the secondary light source are made incident on a condenser lens after being restricted by an aperture stop disposed near the image-side focal plane of the micro fly's eye lens.

Page 1, lines 23-26 and Page 2, lines 1-7, delete current paragraph and insert therefor: